

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 and 13-21 constitute the pending claims in the present application. Claim 21 is withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected invention. Applicants will cancel this claim upon indication of allowable subject matter. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following remarks. Issues raised by the Examiner will be addressed below in the order they appear in the prior Office Action.

Elections/Restrictions

Applicants confirm the election made with traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-20 by David Halstead during a telephone conversation with the Examiner on December 12, 2003.

Objections to the Title

Applicants have amended the title as suggested by the Examiner, thereby obviating this objection.

Objections to Claims 1-20

Applicants have amended the claims to overcome the objections raised by the Examiner. Applicants submit that the claims as amended are in condition for allowance.

Rejection of Claims 10-11 and 13-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 10-11 and 13-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for treatment of the diseases, allegedly does not reasonably provide enablement for prevention of the same. Applicants have cancelled claims 10-12, thereby rendering the rejection of these claims moot. Applicants have amended claims 13-19 to overcome the rejection by removing references to prevention solely to expedite prosecution of the remaining subject matter. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute claims of similar or differing scope in subsequent applications. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection to the extent it is maintained over the claims as amended.

Rejection of Claims 10- 12 as Duplicate Claims under 37 C.F.R. 1.75

Applicants have cancelled claims 10-12, thereby rendering the rejection of these claims moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation that claims 1-9, and 20 would be allowable if the claim objections are overcome.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration is respectfully solicited. The Examiner may address any questions raised by this submission to the undersigned at 617-951-7000. Should an extension of time be required, Applicants hereby petition for same and request that the extension fee and any other fee required for timely consideration of this submission be charged to **Deposit Account No. 18-1945**.

Respectfully Submitted,



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